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AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

UNCLAS RIO DE JANEIRO 1456

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SUBJECT: MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED

1. BY DECREE SIGNED APRIL 28, MINIMUM WAGE IN SAO PAULO, GUANABARA, RIO DE JANEIRO, MINAS GERAIS, AND FEDERAL DISTRICT ( BRASILIA) WAS INCREASED 16.07 PERCENT ABOVE EXISTING LEVEL, EFFECTIVE MAY 1. NEW MINIMUM THESE AREAS IN CR\$312.00 ( APPROXIMATELY US\$51.50).

2. SAME DECREE PROVIDES INCREASE OF 17.11 PERCENT IN STATES OF PIAUI, MARANHAO, CEARA, RIO GRANDE DO NORTE, PARAIBA, ALAGOAS, SERGIPE AND SOME SUB- DISTRICTS IN PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA. NEW LEVELS RANGE FROM CR\$182.40 ( US\$30.10) TO CR\$213.60 ( US\$36.00).

3. COMMENT: IN SOME LOCALITIES, NOTABLY SAO PAULO, INDUSTRIAL WAGES FOR SOME TIME HAVE EXCEEDED NEW MINIMUM WAGE; IN OTHERS, PARTICULARLY LESS- URBANIZED AREAS, INCREASES HAVE DIRECT IMPACT. BASIS FOR INCREASE, AS IN PART YEARS, HAS BEEN INDEX SHOWING HIGHER COST OF LIVING, PLUS SMALL ADDITIONAL MARGIN FOR GREATER PRODUCTIVITY. WITH INFLATION IN PAST YEAR BEING LOWEST SINCE 1963, MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE ON PERCENTAGE BASIS LIKEWISE IS SMALLEST IN RECENT YEARS. REACTION BY MOST BRAZILIAN EMPLOYEES, UNCLASSIFIED

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TRADE UNION LEADERS, AND WORKERS IS THAT PRESENT ACTION IS ROUTINE ADJUSTMENT.

TWELVE FEDERATIONS IN SAO PAULO, HOWEVER, HAVE SENT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CLAIMING REAL WAGES HAVE DECREASED SINCE 1965 AND

MINIMUM WAGE NOW SHOULD BE CR\$1,050.53 TO  
COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES IN PURCHASING POWER.  
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